

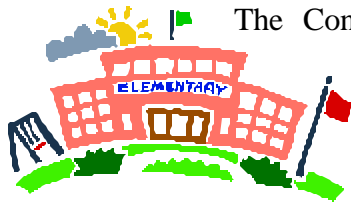
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Green School Contest Winners Announced



The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition is pleased to announce the winners of their third annual "Green School" contest. Winning schools not only recycle all of the state-mandated items, but also have programs that capture non-mandated items such as plastics, mixed paper, paper drink boxes and more. All winning schools have extensive student involvement in the program. Past winners include: Southeast School in Mansfield, Waterford High School in Waterford, Eastern Middle School in Greenwich and Bishop Woods Elementary program in New Haven.

The winners for the year 2000 are Doolittle Elementary School in Cheshire, Sacred Heart (middle school) in Norwich and Stonington High School in Stonington. **Doolittle School** not only recycles both mandated and non-mandated items, but also has an extensive lunchtime composting program which includes the use of both worm boxes and an outdoor composting site. They purchase recycled products including paper and have courtyard benches made from recycled plastic that the student council purchased with money from a can drive. They also have an annual "no trash" day to celebrate America Recycles Day.

Sacred Heart School recycles all of the mandated and many non-mandated items and they have an outdoor composting program in which food scraps from the convent are recycled. They integrate composting into their classroom lessons. The school donates unneeded reusable school supplies to schools in other countries that otherwise could not afford these materials. They also have a planting program in which they beautify the school grounds and utilize compost.

Stonington High School actively purchases copy paper, tissue products and plastic buckets made from recycled materials. They encourage use of e-mail, double-sided copying and have been conducting book swaps for the last several years. All mandated items are recycled, and non-mandated items such as plastics, mixed paper, paper drink boxes, fluorescent light bulbs and light ballasts are also recycled.

These schools will receive the delicious prize of an ice cream party for all students and staff sponsored through the generosity of HP HOOD. They will also receive a plaque recognizing their accomplishments at the Connecticut Recyclers Coalition meeting on December 1, 2000 at the University of Hartford. Many congratulations to these wonderful schools.



Winners of 10th Annual Poster Contest Announced



The year 2000 marks the 10th anniversary of the CT DEP Recycling Program poster contest for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Twelve (12) statewide winners were chosen from over 2,300 posters that were created earlier this fall. The winning artwork will once again be used to create a calendar for statewide distribution. A supply of calendars will be sent to all public and private schools in Connecticut in mid-

December. Anyone may request a free copy of this colorful wall calendar while supplies last. Call Meg Enkler at (860) 424-3238 to reserve your copy today, or e-mail margaret.enkler@po.state.ct.us. Make certain to provide your full address and the number of calendars requested. All posters entered in the statewide contest will be on display at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford during the month of December.

This year's winners are listed below:

4th Grade

Chris Magoon, Wells Road School, Granby
Mallory Sessel, New Haven Hebrew Day School, Orange
Pamela Budas, North Center School, Southington
Katie Guandalini, Saint Brendan School, New Haven

5th Grade

Rebecca Marsie, Griswold Intermediate School, Jewett City
Abigail Conway, Turkey Hill Elementary School, Orange
Jaimie Gerst, Litchfield Intermediate School, Litchfield
Colleen Smith, Bugbee School, West Hartford

6th Grade

Jaylee Putnam, Woodstock Middle School, Woodstock
Andrea Tyler, All Saints Catholic, Norwalk
Kyle Firmender, East Shore Middle School, Milford
Levi Levitin, New Haven Hebrew Day School, Orange



We would like to extend extra congratulations to New Haven Hebrew Day School for having two statewide winners this year!

CT DEP Book Sale Combines Reuse & Fundraising



The State Employees Campaign for Charitable Giving is a yearly event in which employees have the opportunity to donate to a favorite charity through a payroll deduction. Additional fundraising events such as pie sales and raffles are scheduled throughout the pledging period to help increase total donations. This year at DEP, a used book and videotape sale was held. Employees were asked to donate books and tapes for the sale. The results exceeded everyone's expectations. We collected literally thousands of books in numerous categories. These books were offered for sale at the very reasonable price of \$1.00 each for hardcovers and paperbacks were 3 for \$1.00. A total of \$633.00 was raised over the 4-day sale. The books that were not sold were taken to the Ellington Library for a book sale that they were holding. This was the first time that DEP used this as fund raising event, but considering the number of satisfied customers, it won't be the last.

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